

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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SUBJECT: Formal Consultation Letter for the Seneca Nation of Indians

FROM: Ryan Hancharick
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TO: Catherine Libertz
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Your signature is requested on the attached consultation letter and final permit. No changes were made to the draft permit.

This formal consultation with the Seneca Nation of Indians (the Nation) is regarding a draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit. On March 15, 2021, Sandstone Development LLC ("Sandstone") submitted a UIC permit application that would allow for the conversion and operation of a Class II-R enhanced recovery injection well located in the Moody Lot 5 in Bradford Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. The permit will allow Sandstone to inject produced fluids into the Bradford Third sandstone at depths of approximately 1,863 to 1,963 feet. If the final permit is issued to Sandstone, it will remain in effect for the operational life of the facility. A permit is required to meet the provisions of the EPA-administered UIC Program in Pennsylvania.

On June 24, 2021, the Nation and EPA held a meeting to inform the Nation of the proposed well and discuss the Nation's concerns regarding the project. A public notice for the draft permit was published in *The Bradford Era* newspaper and on the EPA's website on July 29, 2021. The public notice period lasted 33 days, ending on August 31, 2021. A virtual public hearing was not held due to lack of interest from the public. On August 31, 2021, the Nation provided EPA with comments on the proposed UIC permit and declined further consultation. To address the Nation's comments, the Region has prepared a Response to Comments, which is enclosed.

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